

April 25, 2016

Dear Residents,

As a resident of Almaden, I empathize and share your concerns regarding the Guadalupe Landfill.

I want to clarify that I have not taken any votes on this issue to approve or deny the actions regarding Waste Management processing Milpitas waste through the Guadalupe Landfill. We are still in the fact-gathering stages of this issue to determine the City of San Jose's next steps.

Since this issue came forward I have been in contact with the San Jose City Attorney's Office, San Jose City Manager's Office, Environmental Services Department, and the Planning, Building & Code Enforcement Department. I have asked that I be kept informed with up-to-date information regarding this issue so I can make that information available to all of you.

As such, upon talking with the appropriate City of San Jose Departments, the following information has been provided:

- ❖ *On July 6, 2015 the City of Milpitas released an RFP separating disposal and collection of their solid waste which are planned to commence in September 2017.*
- ❖ *Two proposals for disposal were submitted on October 27, 2015.*
  - *One from Waste Management who owns/operates Guadalupe Landfill located in San Jose where the material would be hauled for disposal*
  - *One from GreenWaste Recovery who owns/operates a facility in North San Jose where all the material would be transferred with disposal in Monterey County*
- ❖ *Waste Management and GreenWaste Recovery each presented their qualifications and technical proposals at a January 12, 2016 Milpitas City Council workshop*
- ❖ *On March 15, 2016, based on the recommendation from the City's evaluation team the Milpitas City Council awarded the disposal agreement to Waste Management for use of Guadalupe Landfill.*
- ❖ *Guadalupe Landfill is permitted to receive up to 3,650 tons per day of material and currently accepts about 1,000 tons per day.*
- ❖ *Milpitas is estimated to be about 180-200 tons per day of disposal or an estimated 20% increase in tons if current tonnage stays the same.*
- ❖ *Milpitas' collection proposal review is currently in process. Depending on which proposer is selected there will be between about 22-37 truckloads of material sent to Guadalupe each weekday.*
- ❖ *The Solid Waste Facility permit limits the commercial disposal to 6:00am-6:00pm Mon-Fri. and 8:00am-5:00pm Sat. and Sun. at the Guadalupe Landfill*

Please rest assured that we are looking into all avenues on this issue and because of the overwhelming concern expressed by residents, we may be holding a community forum soon. We will let everyone know the details of this meeting once all involved parties have been contacted and schedules determined.

In the meantime, you are welcome to attend my Community Office Hours to relay any further questions, comments and/or concerns. My next Community Office Hours are on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at the Almaden Community Center (6445 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA) 8:30AM-9:30AM and Saturday, May 14, 2016 at City Espresso (630 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose, CA) 10AM-11:30AM. Let's concentrate on continuing a productive dialogue on this topic.

Respectfully,



Johnny Khamis, Councilmember, City of San Jose – District 10